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In re application of

Hideo MIURA, et al.

Appln. No. 09/534,034

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For:

OPTICAL COMPONENT FIXING METHOD AND OPTICAL COMPONENT SUPPORT

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. (Amended) (An optical component) fixing method using an adhesive to fix an optical component and a support on which the optical component is to be fixed at a prescribed location, the method comprising:

a step of scoring a surface of the support;

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